

UNIVERSITY *of* MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

June 19, 2013

The Honorable Bob McDavid
The Honorable Fred Schmidt
The Honorable Michael Trapp
The Honorable Karl Skala
The Honorable Ian Thomas
The Honorable Laura Nauser
The Honorable Barbara Hoppe
P. O. Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205-6015

Dear Mayor McDavid and Members of the Council:

Given our long-standing partnership of nearly 175 years, we were very excited to receive your letter of June 10, 2013, regarding your strong interest in MU's Museum of Art and Archaeology and your view that it plays an important role in so many ways in the cultural life of our community. We firmly share your view related to support of the arts, as has been evidenced by the University's role in the current and future success of the Missouri Theatre. We believe that has been a win-win situation, and we see the Museum in a similar light.


To reiterate from your letter, we do need to assure the safety of Pickard Hall and will be relocating the Museum to Mizzou North (formerly Ellis Fischel Cancer Center) while that historic campus building is being decommissioned. Given the reason for the decommissioning, we do not have a specific date on when the building will go back online. We do hope the temporary location of the Museum off Business Loop 70 and the available parking will attract more travelers than ever before and more community residents to view a collection that will have more space for display during this time away from the main campus.

Since your letter also noted the City's potential interest in a new facility for the Museum, we would be very interested in exploring a fundraising partnership that could involve our working together to attract private donors as well as possibly using city financing and/or resources.



We look forward to continued discussion with the City regarding the opportunities available. The University holds the museum as a treasure for our campus, and for our community and state as well.

Sincerely,


Brady J. Deaton
Chancellor

c: UM System President Tim Wolfe
University of Missouri Board of Curators
Provost Brian Foster
Vice Chancellor Jackie Jones
Vice Chancellor Tom Hiles
Dean of Arts and Science Mike O'Brien
Dr. Alex Barker, Director, Museum of Art & Archaeology